

NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Barb Castagna

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. This is such a wonderful time of the year. It reminds us to appreciate and be thankful for the blessings in our lives. I would like to thank all of our wonderful families for all that you do to make Nativity of Mary School not just a school but also a faith-filled community. I hope you have a safe and happy holiday.

In today's communication folder, you will find information on the '52 Club'. This is one of our mandatory fundraisers. We ask that you sell a minimum of five tickets. Everyone has 52 chances to win, and the Grand Prize is \$1,000.00. Each week of the 2010 year, there will be a \$100.00, or \$200.00 winner, with a \$500.00 winner on Easter weekend and a \$1,000.00 winner on Christmas weekend. The winners are posted each Sunday in the bulletin and in our News and Notes. You have to purchase and hand in your tickets by Jan. 15, 2010. These are great stocking stuffers or presents. Good Luck.

Preschool

We are looking into starting a preschool next year at Nativity of Mary School. At this point, we are looking at options with a 2, 3 or 5-day morning program, and also having an extended pre-k program in the afternoon for parents who may want their child to experience the whole day here. If we start a program and you would be interested in enrolling a child, could you please email me as soon as you can at barb.castagna@nativitybloomington.org. Please indicate what would interest you: 2 mornings, 3 mornings, 5 mornings, and whether you would have your child stay for the extended program. Also, if you may be interested in being a part of the planning process, please indicate that as well. We need two more parents to be on the planning committee. Thank you.

With the weather getting colder, please make sure students have boots, hats, mittens, and warm winter clothing for recess time. Also, I suggest having students bring their uniform sweatshirts to wear in school. It is always nice to have layers. The thermostat is set at 68 degrees, but with doors opening etc. sometimes it gets chilly in the building. Thanks for your cooperation.

Thank You

We had a generous donation last week from the William P. Jensen Foundation. Two of the trustees chose our school to be the first donation from this foundation. When speaking with one of the trustees, she said when she visited the school on Grandparent/Special Friend Day; she appreciated the warm, friendly atmosphere at our school. Thank you to the trustees for an amazing donation of \$5,000.00.

FYI

- Picture retake day is Friday, Nov. 20th. The Alumni Generational picture will be taken at 12:15 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- Next week our school Mass is on Wednesday, Nov. 25th.
- We are recording our music CD on Tuesday, Dec. 1st. CD orders are due on Dec. 1st, and it is pre-order sales only.
- The 8th graders are selling Bakers Square pie certificates. If you are in need of pies for Thanksgiving, please contact an 8th grader or you can purchase certificates in the school office.
- Magazine orders are due on Tuesday, Dec. 1st.
- The end of the 1st trimester is Wednesday, Nov. 25th.

“52 Club”

The Nov. 8th winner of \$100.00 is Monica Strout.

The Nov. 15th winner of \$100.00 is the Caple family.

Volunteer VIPs and Vacancies

VIPs: THANK YOU to all that supplied a WONDERFUL meal and satisfying snacks for the Nativity staff during the fall conference days. Hats off to the following: Armstrong, Boda, Dillaway, Dobesh, Freeberg, Harris, Johnson, Luedke, Matzke-Hill, Olstad, Poehling, Rollwagen, Schrantz, and Werner families. Also, many thanks to Jill Johnson for coordinating this effort!! Great job!!

Dad’s Pancake Breakfast Vacancy: The Dad’s Pancake Breakfast has been a great fundraiser for Nativity of Mary School for many years. Faithful volunteers have coordinated this event numerous years in a row. It is time to pass the chairing duties onto a new set of Dads. With support from past coordinators and a long list of volunteers to help, this chairing opportunity should be a lot of fun! Please consider this opportunity in March 2010 to raise funds for our students! Contact katymcgrane@earthlink.net .

Alumni News

Megan Collins was inducted into the Benilde-St. Margaret’s National Honor Society on Nov. 2, 2009.

NEXT WEEK’S EVENTS

Wednesday, November 25	8:15 a.m. KIDS Council; 9:45 a.m. School Mass; End of 1st Tri
Thursday, November 26	No School Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 27	No School
Monday, November 30	9:30 a.m. Advent Prayer Service
Tuesday, December 1	All magazine orders due
Thursday, December 3	9:45 a.m. School Mass; 1st Tri Report Cards go home
Friday, December 4	Out of Uniform

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

		Tina Meyer
Monday, November 23	1:00–3:00	Mayra Franco, Maria Loya
Tuesday, November 24	10:00-11:35	Charlie Shirron
	12:00-3:40	Christine Schreier
Wednesday, November 25	12:10-3:00	Lisa Harris

Monday, November 30	1:00–3:00	Harriet Johnson
Tuesday, December 1	10:00-11:35	Need a Volunteer
	12:00-3:40	Michelle Johnson, Jennifer Lovegreen
Wednesday, December 2	12:10-3:00	Dana Jones-Sell, Kathleen Hollingsworth
Thursday, December 3	12:00-3:35	Tina Flowers, Barb Dockendorf

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

Jennifer Lovegreen

Monday, November 23	T. Rynda, J. Musoke, T. Flowers, Need a Volunteer
Tuesday, November 24	K. Burns, J. Carol, P. Weichselbaum, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, November 25	K. Berkowitz, J. Skogmo, L. Peller, Need a Volunteer
Monday, November 30	T. Flowers, A. Monssen, A. Matzke, T/D Reuter
Tuesday, December 1	J. Johnson, K. Burns, C. Oldowski, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, December 2	K. Reardon, N. Hawton, P. Weichselbaum, Need a Volunteer
Thursday, December 3	N. Machtig, M. Koch, S. Koplin, Need a Volunteer
Friday, December 4	R. Snure, R. Flentje, S. Farley, Need a Volunteer

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Sherri Werner

Monday, November 23	11:30 – 12:25	C.Flowers, M. Schreier
Tuesday, November 24	11:40 – 12:25	J. Lako, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, November 25	11:40 – 12:25	T. Peller, Need a Volunteer
Monday, November 30	11:40 – 12:25	C. Flowers, B. Singhel
Tuesday, December 1	11:40 – 12:25	J. Lako, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, December 2	11:40 – 12:25	L. Harris, Need a Volunteer
Thursday, December 3	11:40 – 12:25	C. Robbel, Need a Volunteer
Friday, December 4	11:40 – 12:25	M. Leonard, B. Singhel

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Theresa Prusha

Feed My Starving Children was a great success for the 6th grade religion students on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 due to the great chaperones that we had. Karla Flippo, Carol Oldowski, Karl Hemmesch, Mary McGuiggan, Jill Schreiber-Smith. Michelle Johnson, Sherri Werner, Dave Vasos, Barb Hoffmann, Michelle Bjick, Gerald Flentje, and Denise Nygren are truly appreciated for their gift of time!

BOX TOPS

Jennifer Lovegreen

Our November contest is a good one!! The classroom with the most box tops will be earning a pizza party!! Again, make sure your child's name is on the Ziploc or green sheet and keep sending in those box tops!

CHRISTMAS WREATHS & GREENERY

Boy Scout Troop 374 will again be selling a variety of Christmas wreaths and other Holiday greenery the weekends of Nov. 21st and 28th after all Saturday and Sunday Masses, at both Nativity and St. Edward's Parish.

**If you pre-ordered a wreath through the School Communications Folder, please remember to stop by and pick up your items after Mass this weekend.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY – SKATEVILLE

Tammy Price

Please join us for a fun-filled evening of skating, music and fun at Skateville on Sunday, December 6th! Busses leave the South Lot at 4:30 p.m. and will return to the South lot at 7:30 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$14, which includes the bus ride, admission and free rental of quad skates. If you wish to rent rollerblades, it will cost an additional \$3 (bring to Skateville). You may bring your own skates or rollerblades if you have them. In addition, there will be concessions there if you want to bring a small amount of money for treats or drinks. As always, we are in need of parents to help chaperone. If you are interested, please contact Tammy Price at 952-888-3613 or price014@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!

ATTENTION ALL THEATER GOERS

Holly Long

Jefferson High School's Theatre Company presents The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. This wonderful play, based on C.S. Lewis' classic book, will be performed at the Jefferson High School auditorium on Dec. 3-5 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3 pm. Check your communication folder for the flyer with ticket information. This play also features some of Nativity's alums. Don't miss this wonderful production.

SPRING SOCIAL/SILENT AUCTION APRIL 23RD, 2010

Joan McCrory

Please take a look at the Nativity Web site for information regarding the Spring Social/Silent Auction. On the website, there are volunteer opportunities for those who would like to help out. There is a form for helping out before the auction and a form to volunteer the night of the auction. We need your help to make this night a success!!

From now until the Spring Social/Silent Auction, please turn in any extra baskets you have to the office. We need baskets to place donations in for the silent auction. Thanks!

YEARBOOK PICTURES

Get your pictures in the yearbook! The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or of you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter the following where requested:
username: 400007864
password: nat10
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is 3/1/2010. Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the school year! Sincerely, Yearbook Adviser and the 2010 Yearbook Staff.

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

If you have any problems uploading your pictures, please contact Sheri Hank at sheri.hank@jostens.com

CANDY MAKERS

Terri Riehm

To order candy supplies including molds, chocolate, white cups, and peppermint crunchies, call Alyssa Luftman at 612-245-5544. You can also e-mail her at agluftman@gmail.com. She also does home chocolate making parties. I bought nuts at Sam's Club but you can buy them at the grocery store, too. If you have questions, call Terri Riehm @ 952-835-4450.

MAGAZINE SALE

Barb Hoffmann

Each student should have brought home a booklet to utilize with the magazine sale, which is now underway. Be sure to bring the booklet with you to that Thanksgiving gathering, and accumulate some orders from the relatives and friends! The online function, described in the booklet, makes it so easy to contact friends and relatives out of town, so they can support our efforts. If you are thinking of ordering or renewing magazines, please consider our Magazine Sale!! A percentage of each order benefits the school to help with school operations. Subscriptions make great gifts for Christmas or birthdays. The booklet also contains some great items to purchase. Thank you.

8TH GRADE TO OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Jane Wagemaker

8th grade will participate in Operation Christmas Child on Wednesday, December 2nd. 12:30-3:30. We will need parents to join us on the day. Please email me if you can help at jane.wagemaker@nativitybloomington.org.

7TH GRADE RETREAT

Jane Wagemaker

7th Grade Retreat will take place on Thursday, May 13 through Friday, May 14. Chaperones are needed to stay overnight with us. Please contact me if you can help out at jane.wagemaker@nativitybloomington.org.

NATIVITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

Tim Thoreson

Thanks to all coaches for a great year!

I would like to thank all coaches for coaching our Nativity sports teams this year, your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the following volleyball coaches: Whitney Delott, Dave & Brenda Harley, Jen McCollow, Mary Koch, Mary Powers, Tammy Price, and Patty Meyer. Thank you to the following soccer coaches: Mike Ott, Ed Huber, and Greg Poehling. Also thank you to all other parents who may have helped out during the course of the season.

Basketball for students in Grades K-3

Registrations for students in grades K-3 will be sent home in Thursday's communication folder. The deadline to return registration form and payment is Wednesday, November 25. Students in grades 2/3 will play in the Blessed Trinity League. This league generally starts in mid January and runs for 5-6 weeks. Students play on Saturday mornings or afternoons and play against other schools. These teams generally have a few practices in December.

Students in K-1 will have the opportunity to participate in the Nativity Intramural Basketball Program. This will begin in early/mid January and run for 5-6 weeks and take place right here at Nativity in the afternoon.

Any questions regarding basketball for students in grades K-3 please contact Athletic Director, Tim Thoreson at 952-881-8160 ext. 125.

Nativity Volleyball Team wins Tourney

Congratulations to the Nativity Cub Silver Team on winning their end of the year tournament. Players on this team include: Megan Borgerding, Renee Castro, Claire Hollingsworth, Lauren Holtgren, Amanda Karpinko, Maggie Peller, Erin Powers, Becky Price, Sydney Schreier, and Lizzy Walker.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Please keep the Huber family in your prayers. Robbie's grandmother, Alice May Leif, passed away on Nov. 4th.

Please keep Ms. Endert and her family in your prayers. Ms. Endert's brother-in-law, William Blue, passed away on Nov. 4th.

Please keep the Catcher family in your prayers. Sarah and Joel's grandfather, Robert Vayder, passed away on Nov. 17th.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Children will always remember you for recognizing their potential and guiding their growing years.